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A REMINISCENCE

While looking over a philatelic paper the other day, I came across an article describing a recent find in postage stamps, which reminded me of the find a brother collector and myself made several years ago. We were in an old warehouse looking over some old papers,- we had found a few revenue stamps and I had just given up in disgust when an exclamation from my companion attracted my attention. I turned around and found him counting some bills. He had found them in an old certificate. We counted them and found there was Two (\$200.) Hundred Dollars. They were all greenbacks of the first issue and had probably lain there for years. We looked in every paper in the box but did not find anything else. We did not find any rare stamps but we never would have found the money if it had not been for the stamps as they were what attracted our attention.

SEARCHER.

AUCTION SALES.

BY R. H. L.

In this age of philately every dealer seems to be rushing into the auction sale business. I have often wondered why it was that stamps are sold in this way as good stamps are sometimes bid off at, from 20 to 50 per cent. lower than catalogue rates whereas, if they were sold separately or from sheets they could realize almost, if not full catalogue rates. Are the catalogue rates too high or why is it that they are sold in this manner? In cases where a Company makes a regular business of selling in this manner they generally charge a commission of 20 per cent. and it generally pays them well. If a person would, instead of placing his collection in the hands of the auctioneers, sell it off by sets or by means of approval sheets he could save this commission which the auctioneers get. Most of the collections which are sold at auction are those from persons who do not have the time to sell them themselves and so place them in the hand of the auctioneer and saves himself all bother with same. Hence we see why stamps are sold at auction.

A STATE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The State of Illinois is considered second in the ranks of Philately and we certainly ought to have a good, big Stamp Society. We have a list of philatelists from which, a splendid set of Officers could be selected. We could have one of the largest, if not the largest, State society in the Country. We would be pleased to hear from all philatelists, in the State who would join and help organize an Illinois Philatelic Association. Let us hear from old and young. Any suggestions that may be made will be carefully noted. Address all communications pertaining to same, to the Editor of this Paper.

ILLINOIS NOTES.

Both the American Philatelic Association and the Sons of Philatelic hold their annual meetings in or near Chicago about the middle of August. The meetings will probably be the largest ever held as a great many will make arrangements to visit the Exposition at this time.

We want news from all parts of the State and would like each collector in the State to act as correspondent for this page. Send in personals or any news which you think others would like to know. Don't be afraid of sending in too much, only make the items *short*.

Elgin has a full fledged Philatelic society with the Rev. Dr. Wm P. Everett as President and Mr. F. S. Lombard as Secretary. They are all U. S. *specialists* and meet at the call of the Pres. or Sec.

Mr. S. C. Stevens the pleasant Chicago dealer has two interesting collections of counterfeit stamps which he has framed and hung up for inspection: among them are several U. S. stamps.

J. W. Miller Schmitt the Springfield dealer has purchased the stock of the Capitol Stamp Co. of the same place.

Mr. H. W. Aldrich of the Illinois Stamp Co; of Richmond, made us a visit recently. Come again H. W.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The *Long Island Philatelist* will devote its columns wholly to S. of P. matter hereafter. Evidently Bro. Ashcroft would like to have his paper become Official Organ at the next election. There will probably be others in the race, but R. W. will probably stand as good a show as any one.

And still another stamp firm in Chicago. This time it is the American Stamp Company, incorporated for \$10,000. Mr. W. F. Bishop of La Grange is manager, so we understand.

Unused U. S. stamps, in large quantities, are sold at a small discount by firms in the large cities who receive a great many more than they can use. Isn't this against our Postal Laws?

The Review of Reviews in our Journals is being over done. It is an easy matter to *write up* a page or two on a single paper, and the editors are about the only ones who read them then.

Seebeckism has done more harm to the cause of Philately than any other one thing we know of -, it has driven many out of collecting and hundreds to specialism.

President Cleveland says, "No more Post Offices in stores" Mr. Cleveland has been observant during his many duck hunting expeditions into the country.

Our Foreign friends can choose between buying an unused set of Columbian stamps or coming over and seeing the Columbian Exposition.

Another consolidation,- Cleve Scott's paper, *The Nebraska Stamp* with the *Detroit Philatelist*. Bro. Crittenden has made a *good haul*.

We received a copy of R. M. Miller's *Weekly* and we pronounce it *good*. R. M. is to be congratulated on having such a fine paper.

There are over 10 different shades of the present 2ct red, they range anywhere from a brownish red to a light carmine.

Roy F. Greene has an *excellent* poem in the *March Stamp*, which all our dealers should read.

Have you noticed that the beauty of a stamp depends upon the price of same?

A certain Chicago dealer is offering real estate for good U. S. Stamps.

EDITORIALS.

With this number of our paper we introduce ourselves to the Philatelic World. We start out with a circulation of over 3000 copies each issue, which we hope to increase to, at least 5000. Most of our articles will be short and newsy. The paper is not published in the interests of any one dealer,- our advertising pages are open to all dealers and we hope to hear from a great many this month. We would be pleased to receive short articles in the line of philately from any of our readers..

25 cents after April, 10th. Subscribe Now.

In looking over a collection of stamps, which were glued into a small memorandum book, the other day, we saw a *PENNY POST PAID* worth \$5.00, in with a lot of common foreigners and *round cut* envelopes; it looked odd in such a place. The owner was not aware of its value. On inquiry we learned that it was found on one of his Grandmother's old letters. We have often wished we had 9 or 10 grandmothers.

Coinmence with this number and get a complete file.

Mr. H. A. Fowler, of Toronto, Canada, sends us an announcement of a paper which he intends publishing, called "The Canadian Journal of Philately". He makes some big promises. The subscription price is only \$3.00 a year. We have had promises from H. A. before and we have learned something thereby.

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An exchange says that, A. L. Doherty & Co; the Chicago stamp firm contemplate holding a grand festival on the roof Garden of the Masonic Temple, the highest office building in the world, some time during the World's Fair festivities.

A school boy came in the other day and wanted to know if we had a stamp from Scotland. He knows now, that Scotland is under Great Britain and consequently uses the stamps of the British Empire.

We are going to try and make this paper just as interesting to a ten year old philatelist as it will be to the older readers,- the boys of to-day are the philatelists-of the future.

With the circulation that we have; our Exchange Column would be crowded if it was free, so we decided to charge one cent each word.

Please send us a list of collectors of your acquaintance, when you send in your subscription.

❖ ANNOUNCEMENT! ❖

We shall, in the near future, give our readers an article from the pen of, DR. S. FILLMORE BENNETT, author of the, world wide known "SWEET BY-AND-BY". The Dr. is a well known writer, his articles being sought after by the leading magazines and journals: and it was only through the Editor being personally acquainted with him that he kindly consented to write the article. His Subject will be, "PHILATELY AS AN EDUCATOR". A later announcement will be made, one month before article will appear in our paper. We will charge 10 cents each for paper containing this article, 5cts more will bring you this No. and 11 others, if received by April 10th. We also have a promise of an article from an old POST MASTER who handled mail in a country store during the '60s. Announcement later.

Business Directory only \$1.50 a year.

Look out for a drought this summer, rivers of water are being used on the Columbian Stamps.

Here's another;

Now, bring me a ladder and chair, my lad,

And a whitewash brush that's damp,

Give me plenty of room, for I'm going to use

The new Columbian stamp.

Washington News.

All papers depend a great deal upon the amount of advertisements they obtain, and a dealer doesn't advertise in a paper that shows no returns. If our readers will mention *The Illinois Philatelist* when answering advertisements in same, it would be a great help to us.

Your name isn't on the sample copy list for next month.

We send out 5,000 copies of this number of our paper and we hope to receive a great many subscriptions before our next issue. We print the paper on our own press and guarantee 12 numbers.

We are not dealers, consequently our advertising pages will not be filled up with our own advertisements and our advertisers will get the full benefit therefrom.

We are only 26 miles out from Chicago, on the North Western road. Come out and see us when you visit the World's Fair.

GUY W. of, "The only one on Earth", writes us to put him on our Exchange list:- certainly. We wish to be protected.

A REVIEW.

In sorting out mail the other day we came across a (?) edited by T. G. Kitchin called the "New Jersey Philatelist." When we had torn off the wrapper and scraped off the paste; we proceeded to look over the contents thereof:- The first glance was too much, we gave one snort and roared, until the office cat jumped out of the window, the stove pipe came down and not until we fell over backwards, did we recover our usual gravity and find that the foreman and "devil" had fled, 6 chases of job work pied, and soot a foot thick covering the floor. We then proceeded to investigate further. On the first page we found a Philatelic society report, the next contained a political announcement, and on page 3 under the heading "KICKS" we found plenty of matter on that subject and the *Nebraska Stamp* and *Washington Phil.* got a talking too, - Is this the reason that Cleve concluded to dissolve? These 3 pages show that Bro. Kitchin is a genuine crank! - there are only 11 mistakes in spelling etc. on the last mentioned page and his "kicks" are more numerous than his editorials. Page 5 makes the statement that the paper is published by a Company consisting of a President, Vice President, and Secretary. "Too many cooks spoil the broth", - probably this is what ails the N.J. Page 6 informs the public that the paper will hereafter be published as a weekly - if it is any weaker than it is now we are afraid it will *die*. Success to you, however Bro. Kitchin.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

With the next number of this paper we will start a Correspondent Column which will be open to all, for questions, discussions, or any correspondence relating to philately which will be inserted and answered by either the Editor or left for someone else to answer.

Lady to druggist- "A stamp please"

Druggist- "With or without" "What?" "Whiskers."

The new orange colored Special Delivery stamp is a beauty and looks well with the others in the album.

Lincoln's head on the present 4c. brown is the first one facing to the right since 1869.

The advertisements in this paper are all *fresh*, look them over.

CHICAGO NOTES.

BY CHICAGO

In Kohl & Middleton's South Side Dime Museum I noticed a frame 8 x 15 feet square and in the center, pictures of three noted German Emperors. The entire picture, frame and background was made of the 1,000 variety postage stamps. black and blue pencils were used in bringing out the outlines and features. The color of the Military dress etc: being brought out by the different colors of the stamps.

In speaking of the prices that fine collections are bringing at auction now a days, with Mr. Ross he told me that he had had an offer of \$1,500 for his collection and that he was seriously thinking of accepting it and when I asked him what he intended doing with the money he answered, that he thought he would travel around the United States and buy up U. S. stamps for his Wholesale business.

The Western Stamp & Coin Co; since its change of management and name are making a good thing out of it. more customers of the younger class will be found at the company's offices than before. The "Stamp News" has been discontinued but the Auction Sales will be continued as before, one being promised in the middle of April.

Branch One of the W. P. U. decided at their last meeting on the following ticket for National Officers, which will be put in the field. For President, H. T. Partello; Vice Pres; W. H. Newmarket; Ex. Mang: W. G. Jerrins Jr. Librarian, D. T. Higginson; Official Board, B. C. Keaton, Geo. R. Tuttle, S. C. Stevens, Wm. C. Skinner, H. M. Norton.

In the cosy office No 1130 of the Masonic Temple will be found the stamp firm of A. L. Doherty & Co; who, by the way, are selling good U. S. at 20 Per cent. off catalogue. Mrs. Doherty tends to the rushing stamp business while Mr. Doherty discounts coins with banks on the outside through the day.

The W. P. U. Library will be placed in the Society's room at 136 Wabash Ave.- a number of volumes are now being bound and when finished and placed in the bookcase with the rest of the papers, the W. P. U. will have a library that few societies can boast of.

The printing and publishing office of the *Chicago Philatelist* at 967-969 W. Lake st. was burned out several days ago, with an entire loss of type and presses being valued at \$1,700: the editor informs me there will be no delay in the issuing of the paper.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* will be the official organ of the W. P. U. for the coming year.

FIVE CENTS A POUND.

BY SWAT.

I recently received a circular which I was requested to sign and send to the congressman from my district. It was a petition for a rate of one cent an ounce for postage, and an advance of four cents a pound on newspapers and magazines; thus making the P. O. Department self-sustaining. If it had requested one cent postage only, I would have signed, and sent it to my congressman but five cents a pound on magazines.- Whew!

Where would the *Illinois, Southern, Era, American, Canadian, Eastern, Collector, Stamp, Tribune, Electric, Fraud Reporter, Tribune, Golden Star, Detroit, Quaker City, R. M's Weekly, etc; etc.* be;- The *Collector* would collect and pass in its checks, the little *Golden Star* would refuse to shine, The *Electric* would need a new battery, the *Quaker City* would quake no more, the *Tribune* would tr[1] but fail, and all the rest of our worthy papers would pass on to the silent majority and what, then would become of our glorious cause,- Philately? What?, I repeat. How would we know where to send for our stamps and get the largest discount?- How would the vast army of frauds and substituters know where to ply their trade,- "Where"?, I say. If in our album we should have a full set of the stamps of the Fiji Islands, with the exception of the 18th century \$ 5.00 grass green,- How will he know where to get it?, and the echoes from the north, south, east, and west are repeating, "Where" Must we resort to the gilt edged catalogue and price list which costs the dealer *thousands* of dollars and is sent free to all upon request, or shall we still pay 2 cts. on our letters and retain our magazines? Let each one decide for himself, and if we decide against the magazines, let the price on same be raised to six cents and we can pay off the war debt. I have finished

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.. 5c blue [Garfield]	.08	.75
1890 4c brown	.05	.25
.. 5c chocolate	.05	.20
.. 6c red brown	.25	2.25
.. 15c blue	.35	3.00
1893 1&2c		.20
.. 3c	.15	1.35
.. 4c	.10	.90
.. 5c	.10	.80
.. 6c	.40	3.50
.. 10c	.10	.60
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.. 3 4&5c	.10	.75
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1884 1c different paper	1.15	1.25
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unused entire 3c cream	.80	7.25
1875 same	.80	7.25
.. unused ent. 3c amb'r	1.50	10.00
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